GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:258
ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008
MARITIME SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY OF NAVY
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the maritime surveillance capability of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to strengthen the same;

(c) whether the Indian Navy is facing shortage of short-range as well as long-range maritime surveillance aircraft;and

(d) if so, the step taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 258 FOR ANSWER ON 20.10.2008

Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment including short, medium and long range maritime reconnaissance aircraft for the Navy for adequate defence preparedness.Reconnaissance aircraft are required for maritime surveillance. The shortfall in maritime surveillance is being met by induction of new reconnaissance aircraft in the short range, medium range and the long range category in the 11th and the 12th Plan. Divulging further details will not be in the national interest.